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NEPA Task Force

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As a former Township Supervisor in West Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, I know first-hand the importance of environmental impact studies as local municipal jurisdictions seek the proper balance between development and the broad public interest in the protection of our environment.

Those who represent business interests are fond of saying, "What is good for business is good for the community." I submit, "What is good for the community is good for business."

I understand the scope of your inquiry is complex and far-reaching. Your findings will ultimately affect our local and state communities as well as the nation.

I urge you not to weaken the current law.

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